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1. SRV LIAISON OFFICER DO THANH GAVE EMBOFF AT
11:30 APRIL 16 AN EMBASSY NOTE WITH THE NAMES
OF THE VIETNAMESE "DELEGATION". HE SAID THAT
CONTRARY TO HIS EARLIER IMPRESSION, THE HEAD WILL
BE VICE MINISTER PHAN HIEN FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
HE IMPLIED HE HAD THOUGHT PHAN HIEN WOULD BE HELD
IN RESERVE FOR A LATER STAGE OF THE TALKS. THE
COMPLETE TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS IN PARA 2.
PARA 3 CONTAINS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION. FOUR
ORAL POINTS DO THAN WAS ASKED TO MAKE ARE IN PARA 4.

2. AMBASSADE DE LA
REPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE DU VIET NAM
EN FRANCE

L'AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE DU
YITE NAM PRESENTE SES COMPLIMENTS A L'AMBASSAD
DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET A L'HONNEUR DE PORTER
A SA CONNAISSANCE QUE LA DELEGATION VIETNAMIENNE
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AUX POURPARLERS DE PARIS QUI AURONT LIEU A PARTIR

DU 3 MAI 1977 SERA CONDUITE PAR M. PHAN HIEN,
VICE-MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DE LA
REPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE DU VIET NAM.

LES AUTRES MEMBRES DE CETTE DELEGATION SONT:

MM. TRAN QUANG CO
BUI XUAN NINH
NGUYEN MANH CUONG
HA HUY TAM (INTERPRETE).

L'AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE DU
VIET NAM SAISIT CETTE OCCASION POUR RENOUVELER A
L'AMBASSADE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE LES ASSURANCES
DE SA HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

PARIS, LE 16 AVRIL 1977

AMBASSADE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE
EN FRANCE - P A R I S

3. THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR
TO INFORM IT THAT THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION FOR THE
PARIS TALKS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE STARTING ON MAY 3,
1977 WILL BE HEADED BY MR. PHAN HIEN, VICE-MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIET NAM.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THAT DELEGATION ARE:

MSSRS. TRAN QUANG CO
BUI XUAN NINH
NGUYEN MANH CUONG

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HA HUY TAM (INTERPRETER)

THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM
AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OCSION TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS
HIGH CONSIDERATION.

FARIS, APRIL 16, 1977

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4. DO THAN SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
MAKE THE FOLLOWING FOUR POINTS:

A. THE SRV AGREES TO HAVE THE LIAISON OFFICERS
MEET NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THE FORMALITIES FOR THE
TALKS. (DO THANH SUGGESTED WE MEET AT 1100 APRIL
20 SINCE HE WILL BE IN BELGIUM AND HOLLAND UNTIL
TUESDAY EVENING.)

B. FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TALKS, WE COULD MEET
ONE OR TWO DAYS DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES. THAT IS
WE COULD PLAN ON ONE DAY, AND IF A SECOND DAY WERE
NEEDED TO COMPLETE THAT STAGE, WE COULD MEET THE
SECOND DAY. WE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE AT THAT TIME TO
FIX THE DATE FOR THE SECOND SESSION. (DO THANH SAID
THAT HANOI PERHAPS HOPED TO DISCUSS MORE INTENSIVELY
AND RAPIDLY THAN WE DID SINCE PHAN HIEN AND HIS
DELEGATION WERE ALL COMING FROM VIETNAM AND WOULD
REMAIN IN PARIS BETWEEN EACH SESSION. HE GATHERED THAT
THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON
AFTER EACH SESSION.)

C. THE SRV DELEGATION WILL HAVE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE
INTERPRETER. THE SRV DELEGATION WAS ALSO PREPARED TO
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USE FRENCH AS A WORKING LANGUAGE; IT MIGHT BE
PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN HANDLING QUICKLY DISCUSSIONS
OF ARRANGEMENTS.

D. THE SRV WISHED TO HAVE EACH SIDE FREE TO RECORD
THE TALKS. IT EXPECTED THAT WE WOULD WORK UP WRITTEN
NOTES WHEN WE WISHED TO MAKE DIFFICULT POINTS
COMPLETELY CLEAR.

5. DO THANH SAID THAT THE WHOLE VITENAMESE DELEGATION SHOULD BE KNOWN TO THE U.S. CO IS THE HEAD OF THE NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT AND WAS PART OF THE GROUP WHICH MET WITH WOODCOCK. NINH AND CUONG ARE BOTH SUBORDINATES OF CO; HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THEIR LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES ARE. TAM HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN INTERPRETER DURING THE PARIS TALKS.

6. DO THANH SAID THAT HE WOULD REMAIN LIAISON OFFICER UP TO THE TIME THE FIRST TALKS TAKE PLACE. FROM THEN ON ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WOULD BE THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE US LIAISON OFFICER; WHICH ONE WOULD DEPEND ON LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES.
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